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COMMISSION ACTION PROGRAM

REF: (A) EC A-461, DEC. 14, 1973

(B) EC A-414, NOV. 14, 1973

(C) EC BRUSSELS 6406

(D) EC BRUSSELS 6139

1. THE EC COUNCIL, AT ITS MEETING ON DECEMBER 17-18, APPROVED THE EC COMMISSION'S ACTION PROGRAM ON INDUSTRIAL POLICY. THE ACTION PROGRAM, WHICH IS A UNCLASSIFIED

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LISTING OF TARGET DATES FOR COUNCIL APPROVAL OF

SPECIFIC MEASURES WHICH FALL UNDER THE GENERAL RUBRIC OF INDUSTRIAL AND TECHNOLOGICAL POLICY, HAS ONLY BEEN CHANGED SLIGHTLY FROM THE COMMISSION'S PROPOSAL WHICH WAS SENT TO THE COUNCIL ON OCTOBER 30 AND FORWARDED TO THE DEPARTMENT WITH REF B. WE ARE TRANSMITTING A COPY OF THE APPROVED ACTION PROGRAM TO ALL ADDRESSEE POSTS. THERE HAS BEEN SLIPPAGE OF APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS BETWEEN THE TARGET DATES RECOMMENDED BY THE COMMISSION AND THOSE APPROVED BY THE COUNCIL SEE REF B).

2. A FEW POINTS WORTH NOTING IN THE ACTION PROGRAM AS ADOPTED ARE:

A) ON THE STANDARDS HARMONIZATION MEASURES THE COUNCIL GIVES PRIORITY TO MATERIALS IN CONTACT WITH FOODSTUFFS, LABELING, SOLVENTS, FROZEN FOODS, FLAVORINGS AND ESSENCES. IT REQUESTS THAT THE COMMISSION SUBMIT PROPOSALS ON THOSE SUBJECTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE:

B) THE COUNCIL WILL HOLD A DISCUSSION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, AND BY MAY 1, 1974, AT THE LATEST, ON THE COMMISSION'S PAPER ON MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES (SEE REF C).

C) THE NEW DEADLINE FOR APPROVAL OF THE COMMISSION PAPER ON THE DATA PROCESSING SECTOR (COMPUTERS) IS OCTOBER 1, 1974 RATHER THAN MAY 1 AS REPORTED IN REF A;

D) THE COUNCIL HAS INTRODUCED A NEW SUBJECT--RAW MATERIAL SUPPLIES, PARTICULARLY NON-FERROUS METALS. THE COMMISSION IS ASKED TO SUBMIT PROPOSALS ON RAW MATERIALS SUPPLIES DURING THE FIRST HALF OF 1974.

3. COMMENT: THE NEW SUBJECT INSERTED INTO THE ACTION PROGRAM, RAW MATERIAL SUPPLIES, CAME UP AT THE COPENHAGEN SUMMIT. THE COMMISSION WAS ASKED TO PREPARE A DETAILED STUDY ON PRIMARY PRODUCTS AND RAW MATERIALS AND TO PUT PROPOSALS TO THE COUNCIL. (SEE EC BRUSSELS 7539, PARA 7). END COMMENT. GREENWALD
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